

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.174(d), deletions are [bracketed] and in a **bold font** and additions are indicated by an underline font.

Please replace the ABSTRACT with the following corrected ABSTRACT:

-- Providing interest to clients' deposited [**finds**] funds without the legal limitation on the number of demand withdrawals from deposit accounts is accomplished by an administration system that keeps all of the records for the clients' deposits and withdrawals, calculates the total of the deposits and withdrawals for all clients, and uses the calculation to determine whether funds are deposited to or withdrawn from a single deposit account in which all clients' deposit funds are kept. Clients can make unlimited withdrawals, such as by check, credit card, debit card, or electronic transfer, through the administrator. By placing the administrator as the holder of a single account, legal exemptions to the limitation on earning interest in demand accounts is effectively facilitated.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at col. 1, line 10 with the following corrected paragraph:

--The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") is a federal governmental entity that provides insurance for deposits in most banks and savings institutions in the United States. Bank deposits are insured by the FDIC's Bank Insurance Fund ("BIF") and savings institutions' deposits are insured by the FDIC's Savings Association Insurance Fund ("SAIF"). The rules governing insurance of deposits of institutions insured by the BIF and the SAIF are the same. The FDIC bases insurance coverage on the concept of ownership rights and capacities: [**finds**] funds held in different ownership categories are insured separately from each other, and funds of the same ownership but held in different accounts are subsumed under the same insurance coverage. The amount of insurance covered provided to depositors of each institution insured by BIF and SAIF is the same: \$100,000.00 to the owner(s) of the funds in the account(s), including principal and interest.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at col. 2, line 51 with the following corrected paragraph:

-- The following description of the hardware and software is for exemplification of a working system; other architectures can be fashioned to make the systems and perform the methods claimed herein. The system has been implemented on a mainframe computer (e.g., an IBM Application Starterpac 3000 model A20, which is capable of processing 63 million instructions per second) with an operating system such as OS/390 and MVS/ESA running a relational database (e.g., DB2 type database). The **[programing]** programming languages are IBM COBOL, CICS languages along with IBM's CSP screen generation language. For such a system, memory requirements are satisfied with 768 Gigabytes of storage (preferably, e.g., 1024G with a disk storage and recovery system, such as RAID). Communications generally are run on a mixed SNA and TCP/IP network. Communications with a local area network via a local control unit can be implemented using a token ring. Connection to an internal network has been made via an IBM open systems adapter (OSA) running TCP/IP, which allows File Transfer Protocol (ftp) via a firewall. Bisynchronous and synchronous file transfer protocols are made through various dial-up media. Terminal Access runs on an Ethernet local area network, using an SAA gateway, and other gateways (e.g., Cytrix and Netsoft) for remote access. Additionally, several lease lines for several applications and terminal access are supported by the system.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at col. 3, line 38 with the following corrected paragraph:

--The sum of the deposits is processed 117 with information 119 from a database (described later) that stores information about the demand account for each client. Each client's account is credited 121 with the sum of the deposits for that particular account, which may amount to zero on a particular day. Similarly, the sum **[and]** of withdrawals are processed 123 to determine what should be debited from the account, which may also amount to zero on a particular day. The deposits and withdrawals for each account during a given period are compared 125 to determine whether sufficient **[finds]** funds are present in the client's account, including the added funds, to pay the withdrawals requested by the client. In other words, processing determines which client accounts to credit or debit for the various transactions (sweep, checks, debit cards, ACH, etc.)

received each business period (e.g., daily). These transactions can be received from one or more sources, such as brokerage firms (sweep transactions), banks (deposits made by wire **[trasfer]** transfer, checks presented for payment, ACH, debit card transactions), the mail (check deposits, redemption requests), and telephone requests. "Telephone" requests can be performed by voice, conversing with an operator/broker or a voice response system, or via a touch-tone phone using a menu system, or electronically via the internet using email or the World Wide Web (e.g., a web page, **[preferrably]** preferably secure, onto which users can log in and conduct on-line banking). The final step in the day's processing is to determine the net credit or debit for the deposit account at the bank; the net activity represents all transactions that were processed that day for all insured deposit accounts.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at col. 5, line 15 with the following corrected paragraph:

The bank pays interest 149 on the single deposit account to the administrator. Based on the amount of each client's funds in the deposit account as a function of the total amount in the deposit account, the administrator determines the interest amount (if any) each client is owed (based also on the period during which the interest was determined on a particular account balance). Because all of the clients' **[finds]** funds are in a single account under the name of the administrator, the administrator earns the interest and distributes the interest earned to each of the clients. Further, the limitation on transfers from **[a]** an interest-bearing account is inapplicable to the clients because their funds are held by the administrator in a demand account and interest for the client is determined only on that portion of those **[finds]** funds maintained in the bank's deposit account. Preferably, if necessary, the administrator makes any withdrawals from the deposit account in person.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at col. 5, line 64 with the following corrected paragraph:

--The administrator may accept direct deposit of payroll, social [secerity] security, or pensions for accounts. The clients' accounts are updated as these files are received and processed. The administrator may also accepts ACH debit transactions, which are initiated by the client's bank or a third party at the client's request.--